

**REMARKS**

Claims 10 and 21-40 are pending in the application. Claims 10 and 21-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for at least the reasons stated in the response having a mailing date of February 5, 2004 and file a Notice of Appeal concurrently herewith.

CONCLUSION

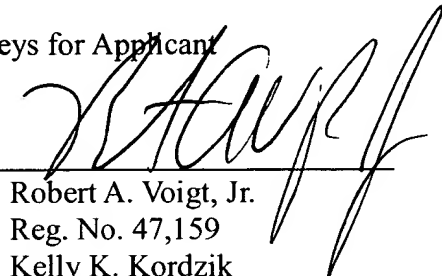
As a result of the foregoing, it is asserted by Applicant that claims 10 and 21-40 in the Application are in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests an allowance of such claims. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call Applicant's attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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